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AMENDMENT TO STANDARDS FOR ABATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
AND FOR RELIEF FROM ABATEMENT  
IN THE STATE BAR COURT

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A number of disciplinary proceedings and other proceedings concerning eligibility to practice law in this state have been abated solely on the grounds that at the time of issuance of General Order 98-1, such matters had not been set for trial prior to December 31, 1998.

Some of those matters involve serious issues of public protection or issues of depriving individuals who may otherwise be eligible to practice law of that right solely because of the abatement of their matter and their consequential inability to obtain a hearing.

In light of the foregoing, General Order 98-1 is amended to provide that, in those cases where the sole reason for abatement of a given case is that a trial date had not been set prior to December 31, 1998, such order of abatement may be vacated in the discretion of the assigned State Bar Court Hearing Judge, provided the matter otherwise meets the standards for non-abatement as set forth in General Order 98-1, and with due regard to the ability of this court and the State Bar to properly handle such case.

This order is effective forthwith.



James W. Obrien  
Presiding Judge